

CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 11/16/16	NEED RESPONSE BY:
2. REQUESTOR NAME:	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Ventura	
3. PHONE NO.:	7. SUBJECT: Income from Homeownership Program	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): MPP 63-502.149(a), ACIN I-79-03	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). MPP 63-502.149(a), ACIN I-79-03	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

A CalFresh household reports mortgage expense of \$1253.33, along with \$120 monthly HOA fee and utility expenses. The household receives \$931 monthly Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) payment from the Section 8 Homeownership Option Program (HOP) to use towards the mortgage and other homeownership expenses. The household states the money is directly deposited to their personal checking account to be used to pay for the mortgage.

Is the income from HOP considered countable income if the household receives the money rather than it going directly to the mortgage company or is it excluded as a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) payment?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Payments to the CalFresh household from HUD are excluded from income as vendor payments. The CalFresh household receives the money through direct deposit to their personal bank account. The funds are contractually obligated for specific use (mortgage). Therefore, these funds are considered excluded from income when determining the household's CalFresh eligibility.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

CDSS concurs with the proposed answer.

FOR CDSS USE

DATE RECEIVED:

11/16/16

DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:

SV 12/2/2016